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FORT LAUDERDALE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

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Fort Lauderdale Boat show visitors look at a 47-foot Intrepid Panacea at the event in 2016. This week, the show kicks off its preview day Wednesday and then runs Thursday through Sunday across six marinas in Fort Lauderdale and the Broward County Convention Center.

Boaters, and their Irma insurance checks, likely will boost sales at show

The Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show kicks off Wednesday and is expected to be a successful event, bolstered by boaters with insurance claim checks issued after the passage of Hurricane Irma that are in the market for new vessels, parts or repairs.

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Boats block the Overseas Highway after Hurricane Irma surged through on Sept. 10. The boat show in Fort Lauderdale this week is expected to teem with boaters affected by the storm.

The northern eye wall of Hurricane Irma swept up Bill Keogh's Carolina Skiff, Sophia, and spun her upside down like a wrestler in a power slam. After the storm, she lay hull-up at the marina at Old Wooden Bridge Fishing Camp in Big Pine Key.

Now, thanks in part to an insurance check, Keogh is in the market for a replacement, and at the perfect time, too. Later this week, he'll make the three-hour drive north to the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

The annual showcase is expected to teem with fellow boaters impacted by Hurricane Irma.

"Enough time has passed, enough insurance checks have been cut, that they probably will shop," Keogh said.

He hasn't attended the show in 15 years, he said, but will travel there this year in the hopes that a new boat will help him restart his kayak business,

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PUERTO RICO

Utility scraps $300M deal with Montana company

The head of Puerto Rico's power company said the agency is canceling its $300 million contract with Whitefish Energy Holdings amid scrutiny of the tiny Montana company's role in restoring the island's power system.

BY STEVE MUFSON, ARELIS HERNÁNDEZ AND AARON C. DAVIS
Washington Post

Puerto Rico's electric company said Sunday it is canceling a $300 million contract with a small Montana firm for repairs to the territory's hurricane-ravaged electrical grid, saying controversy surrounding the agreement was distracting from the effort to restore power.

The move came hours after Gov. Ricardo Rosselló called for the contract's cancellation and after the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which has a large role in determining federal reimbursements, cited "significant concerns" over the utility's arrangement with Whitefish Energy.

About 80 percent of people on the commonwealth's main island still have no electricity.

Thirty-nine days after Hurricane Maria hit the territory, Rosselló said he is requesting assistance from Florida and New York under mutual aid arrangements that utilities traditionally activate during emergencies. The territory had not previously done so and had not responded to offers of assistance.

"As a result of the information that has been revealed and the need to protect the public interest, as governor I am asking the power authority to cancel the Whitefish contract immediately," Rosselló said in a news conference at La Fortaleza, the governor's mansion.

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VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK

After 10 rejections, he landed cop job; legal trouble soon began

Two men arrested four years ago for battery on a police officer, and who were later cleared, have filed a federal lawsuit against the officer and the city he worked for, saying the cop battered them and that the city has faulty hiring practices.

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Ten times, South Florida police departments rejected George Miyares after he failed psychological, polygraph or background tests. He was investigated three times by Miami-Dade Corrections, which hired him as a guard, and cited for excessive use of force against an inmate in one case.

Despite that dubious record — detailed by Miyares himself in his handwritten application — he made the cut at the Village of Biscayne Park, which hired him as a reserve police officer.

Now, the 44-year-old Miyares is at the center of a federal lawsuit claiming that nine months after his hiring, he got into an early-morning confrontation that left two men beaten. One man says he suffered broken facial bones after Miyares slammed his head on a sidewalk.

Miyares was off-duty at the time and outside the village's jurisdiction.

The Dec. 29, 2013, incident led to the arrest of two mechanics, Dennis Rosario and Reinaldo Santos-Nieves. All charges against both men were later dropped.

The lawsuit, originally filed last summer in Miami-Dade Circuit Court but moved to federal court earlier this month, names Miyares and Biscayne Park as co-defendants. It claims the Village was negligent in its hiring, "has a pattern and practice of hiring individuals that are not suitable for the position of

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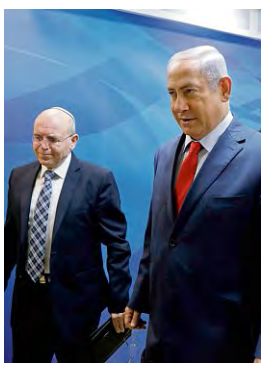

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